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PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2003, requiring election of a single disclosed species.

The Examiner contends that there are several patentably distinct species, as enumerated in the above-referenced Office Action.

In response to the requirement of election, Applicants elect those claims directed to a syndiotactic/atactic block polymer as a polyolefin modifier. Applicants submit that the claims that are readable on the elected species include claims 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 51 and 59. Should the generic claims be allowed, Applicants reserve the right to have considered those claims drawn to the additional species that were not elected.

Applicants submit that they have fully responded to the Office Action. Applicants submit that the application is in a condition for allowance. Favorable action is therefore requested. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution of the present application can be expedited by addressing any outstanding issues over the phone

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Applicants would invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the phone number provided.

If any extension of time is necessary, such extension of time is hereby requested. If any fees are deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1899.

All future correspondence with respect to the above-referenced application should be addressed to:

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